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WITNESSING A STORY

This is the small place where
all thinking stops. There are
merely amorphous impulses
that couldn't lead you anywhere.

The tissues do not follow
each other, but just lie unmoved
in the skeletal dark, ready
to eat into the body.

And a little deeper down,
where a week ago happiness
stayed to greet you into
a zone of light and warmth,

winter is lisping its stories
that are nowhere centred
so they could hold brain's
electricity, jubilant quiet.

Who asks for a fibrous stillness
in muscles and nerves, the brittle thinness
of bones? Whose day brings back
only an emptiness, a folded sleep?

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